

Remarks

Claims 1-27 are pending in the present application.

Embodiment of the Invention

The Applicant respectfully provides the Examiner with a summary of an embodiment of the present invention. Referring to page 5 of the specification, a user may speak a digit sequence, which may be part of a larger digit sequence, into a voice recognition system. The voice recognition system may automatically detect natural pauses between subgroups and feed received information back to the user, wherein a subgroup may be one alphanumeric character or more than one alphanumeric character. If the user believes that the recognized subgroup is incorrect, the user may reject the subgroup by means of negative utterances or verbal indications at any time before the system completes repeating the recognized subgroup. In addition, the user may provide corrections to the recognized subgroup while the system is repeating the recognized subgroup.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a)

Claims 1-8, 10-23, and 25-27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Zavoli in view of Power. Applicants respectfully traverse this art grounds of rejection.

The Applicants continue to agree with the Examiner that "Zavoli does not teach the ability to detect pauses in speech" as stated on page 4 of the Office Action mailed on May 5, 2004. In the previous response Applicants argued that while Power discloses a method for detecting pauses between words, Power does not disclose or suggest detecting

intra-word pauses. In rebuttal, the Examiner further states that “no detection of an inter-word pause has been specifically claimed.” (See page 3 of the June 9, 2004 Office Action) The Applicants have amended claims 1 and 13 to indicate that pauses “between one alphanumeric character and a group of one or more than one alphanumeric character” are detected. Zavoli in view of Power does not disclose or suggest detecting pauses as recited in amended claims 1 and 13.

Claims 2-8, 10-12, 14-23, and 25-27, dependent on claims 1 and 13, are patentable for the reasons stated above with respect to claims 1 and 13 as well as on their own merits.

Claims 9 and 24 stand rejected under 35. U.S.C § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Zavoli in view of Power, and in further view of Larsen. Applicants respectfully traverse this art grounds of rejection.

For the reasons stated above, Zavoli does not disclose all aspects of the claimed invention in amended claim 1. A cursory review of Power and Larsen reveals that they do not overcome the disclosure and suggestion deficiencies of Zavoli with respect to amended claim 1. Claims 9 and 24, dependent upon amended claim 1, are patentable for the reasons stated above with respect to amended claim 1 as well as on their own merits.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw this art grounds of rejection.

CONCLUSION

In the event that there are any outstanding matters remaining in the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact Gary Yacura at (703) 668-8023 in the Washington, D.C. area, to discuss the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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